



**A = Approved, A1 = Approved First Reading, A2 = Approved Second Reading, D = Deferred,  
NA = No Action, PH = Authorized Public Hearing, AD = Approval Denied**

## **ACTION AGENDA**

Hickory City Council  
76 North Center Street

August 17, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Invocation by Reverend Bob Thompson, Corinth Reformed Church
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Special Presentations
- NA** A. Redistricting Information – Presentation by Deborah Stagner with Tharrington Smith  
  
Deborah Stagner with Tharrington Smith and Blake Esselstyn, Mapfigure Consulting presented redistricting information to City Council.
- NA** B. Presentation of the 25<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Hickory by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – Presentation to Finance Officer Melissa Miller.  
  
Mayor Guess recognized the City's Finance Department for their 25<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.
- V. Persons Requesting to Be Heard
- VI. Approval of Minutes
- A** A. Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021. **(Exhibit VI.A.)**
- VII. Reaffirmation and Ratification of Second Readings. Votes recorded on first reading will be reaffirmed and ratified on second reading unless Council Members change their votes and so indicate on second reading.
- A2** A. Approval of the Implementation of a Speed Limit Reduction to 25 MPH along 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW between 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Drive NW. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** B. Budget Revision Number 24. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- A2** C. Budget Revision Number 2. **(First Reading Vote: Unanimous)**
- VIII. Consent Agenda: All items below will be enacted by vote of City Council. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. In which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under Item IX.
- A** A. Approval to Close Both Locations of Hickory Public Library on Friday, September 17, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Staff Training. **(Exhibit VIII.A.)**

*Staff requests closing both locations of Hickory Public Library from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17, 2021, for staff training. Public library staff regularly interact with the public and, to provide the best possible customer service, it is necessary to periodically provide training opportunities in which all staff participate at the same time. This year staff will receive training in customer service for the City's diverse community and prepare for upcoming library programs. Customer service training specific to each library department will be included. All library staff, both full-time and part-time, need periodic opportunities to participate in staff development training to re-energize, acquire new skills, and improve their ability to work together as a team. To allow all coworkers to participate, it is necessary to schedule the training during a workday. Staff determined that Friday, September 17, 2021, is a date that would create as little disruption as possible in service to the public. Staff recommends the Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and the Ridgeview Branch Library be closed on Friday, September 17, 2021, to allow time for all library employees to participate in staff training.*

- A B.** Approval of the Purchase of a John Deere Loader in the Amount of \$165,571 from James River Equipment. **(Exhibit VIII.B.)**

*Staff requests Council's approval of the purchase of a John Deere 524 P Wheel Loader with grapple bucket in the amount of \$165,571 from James River Equipment. This price includes a 1-year warranty. The Public Services Street Division operates various types of equipment in the practice of operating, maintaining, and managing roadway infrastructure. The Division currently uses a 2000 Case rubber tire loader. The equipment on that unit is outdated, no longer working, and parts are difficult to find. This equipment is being replaced as a component of the Public Services Street Division's normal Capital Budget and is budgeted in this fiscal year. Specifications were prepared by the Street and Fleet Divisions to ensure the City purchased the equipment that would best serve the Division. Selection of equipment was made using the NC State Contract-NCDOT-070E and the North Carolina Sheriff's Association Contract for pricing. Staff recommends Council's approval of the purchase of a John Deere 524 P Wheel Loader with grapple bucket in the amount of \$165,571 from James River Equipment using the NC State Contract.*

- A C.** Approval of the Purchase of an Automated Side Loading Garbage Truck in the Amount of \$285,976.06 from Amick Equipment. **(Exhibit VIII.C.)**

*Staff requests approval of the purchase of a 2022 Crane Carrier Company cab/chassis with a New Way Sidewinder ASL 29-yard tilt to dump body from Amick Equipment in the amount of \$285,976.06. The City uses automated side loader trucks for residential service collection of refuse. This unit allows for residential solid waste to be collected by a single operator and collects approximately 800 residential cans per day. This truck will replace a similar piece of equipment purchased in 2011. The Residential Solid Waste Division capital equipment improvement plan includes the replacement of a sidearm automated refuse truck in FY 21-22. Staff from the Solid Waste and Fleet Division's prepared specifications to purchase equipment meeting the City's requirements. The City participates in a buying cooperative with the NC Sheriffs Association that meets all bidding requirements and allows for the purchase of equipment in a more expedient manner from a larger pool of vendors. The specified truck applies to the NC Sheriffs Association bid #19-03-0504RR. Staff recommends Council's approval of the purchase of the automated side loading garbage truck in the amount of \$285,976.06 from Amick Equipment per the N.C. Sheriffs Association reference bid #19-03-0504RR.*

- A D.** Approval of the Purchase of 2022 Freightliner Cab/Chassis in the Amount of \$166,567 from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. **(Exhibit VIII.D.)**

*Staff requests approval of the purchase of a 2022 Freightliner Cab/Chassis with a New Pac Mac Loader model #KB20H ML and a New Pac Mac model #TKB 18/24 per the N.C. Sheriffs Association reference bid #22-06-0426 in the amount of \$166,567. The City uses a boom truck for collection of large and heavy refuse and yard waste piles. This unit allows for refuse and yard waste to be collected daily within routes that have been called in for special pickup due to their size or safety concerns. This truck will replace a similar piece of*

equipment purchased in 2009. The Residential Solid Waste Recycling Division (4800) capital equipment improvement plan includes the replacement of a Boom Truck in FY 21-22. Staff from the Solid Waste and Fleet Division's prepared specifications to purchase equipment meeting the City's requirements. The City participates in a buying cooperative with the NC Sheriffs Association that meets all bidding requirements and allows for the purchase of equipment in a more expedient manner from a larger pool of vendors. The specified truck applies to the NC Sheriffs Association bid #22-06-0426 item #2572. The approved Residential Solid Waste Recycling Division (4800) Capital Budget includes purchase of a Boom Truck in the amount of \$166,567. Staff requests Council's approval of the purchase of the boom truck in the amount of \$166,567 from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. per the N.C. Sheriffs Association reference bid #22-06-0426.

- A E. Approval of a Resolution for the Issuance of up to \$10 Million Dollars General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2021. **(Exhibit VIII.E.)**

- A F. Approval of the Purchase of a 2021 Freightliner M2106 Cab/Chassis from Carolina Environmental Systems Inc. in the Amount of \$198,758.04. **(Exhibit VIII.F.)**

Staff requests Council's approval of the purchase of a Freightliner M2106 Cab/Chassis with a Pac Mac 25-yard chassis mounted automated leaf collection unit per the N.C. Sheriffs Association reference Lot 90 Rollover Bid #20-04-0506R in the amount of \$198,758.04 from Carolina Environmental Systems Inc. The City uses automated leaf trucks for efficient collection of loose leaves within the Recycling Division's Yard Waste Service. This unit allows for loose leaves to be collected by a single operator and collects approximately five loads per day at 6,000 pounds per load average. This truck will replace a similar piece of equipment purchased in 2007. The Solid Waste Recycling Division's capital equipment improvement plan includes the replacement of an automated leaf truck in FY 21-22. Staff from the Solid Waste and Fleet Division's prepared specifications to purchase equipment meeting the City's requirements. The City participates in a buying cooperative with the NC Sheriffs Association that meets all bidding requirements and allows for the purchase of equipment in a more expedient manner from a larger pool of vendors. The specified truck applies to the NC Sheriffs Association Lot 90 Rollover Bid #20-04-0506R. Staff recommends Council's approval of the purchase of 2021 Freightliner M2106 Cab/Chassis with a Pac Mac 25-yard chassis mounted automated leaf collection unit per the N.C. Sheriffs Association reference Lot 90 Rollover Bid #20-04-0506R in the amount of \$198,758.04 from Carolina Environmental Systems Inc.

- A G. Approval of a Community Appearance Grant for Non-Residential Property Owned by Hickory Bulldawg Properties, LLC Located at 31 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW in the Amount of \$7,500. **(Exhibit VIII.G.)**

The Community Appearance Commission recommends City Council's approval of a Community Appearance Grant for non-residential property owned by Hickory Bulldawg Properties, LLC located at 31 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW in the amount of \$7,500. City Council created the Community Appearance Grant program to provide economic incentives for property owners to improve the general appearance of properties located within the City's designated Urban Revitalization Area. The Community Appearance Commission reviews applications for the grant program and forwards a recommendation of approval or denial to City Council. The grants are designed as a reimbursement grant in which the City of Hickory will match the applicant on a 50/50 basis. The maximum grant amount from the City of Hickory is \$7,500. The grant proposal involves renovating the building with new stucco and masonry. The property is located within the City's defined Urban Revitalization Area and is eligible for the consideration of a Community Appearance Grant. The applicant received a grant for the outlined improvements last fiscal year but encountered problems getting the chosen contractor to begin the work. The applicant has since retained a new contractor who is currently doing interior work and will proceed with exterior work after a decision is made to fund the requested grant. The applicant provided two estimates for the work which total \$20,000 and \$22,000. If Council moves to approve the proposed grant at the lower of the two estimates, the request will qualify for a \$7,500 grant. The subject property's current tax value is assessed at \$108,400. The requested grant amounts to 6.9

percent of the property's tax value. The application was reviewed by the Community Appearance Commission and scored the application at 24 points out of a possible 36 points, which placed the application into the high category of scoring. The Commission unanimously recommends funding of the grant application in the amount of \$7,500.

- A H. Approval of a Community Appearance Grant for Non-Residential Property Owned by Fuse Properties, LLC Located at 14 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW in the Amount of \$4,863. **(Exhibit VIII.H.)**

*The Community Appearance Commission recommends City Council's approval of a Community Appearance Grant for non-residential property owned by Fuse Properties, LLC located at 14 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW in the amount of \$4,863. City Council created the Community Appearance Grant program to provide economic incentives for property owners to improve the general appearance of properties located within the City's designated Urban Revitalization Area. The Community Appearance Commission reviews applications for the grant program and forwards a recommendation of approval or denial to City Council. The grants are designed as a reimbursement grant in which the City of Hickory will match the applicant on a 50/50 basis. The maximum grant amount from the City of Hickory is \$7,500. The grant proposal involves the replacement of the building's windows, which were covered during prior renovations. The property is located within the City's defined Urban Revitalization Area and is eligible for the consideration of a Community Appearance Grant. The applicant has provided two estimates for the work, the low estimate totals \$9,726. If Council moves to approve the proposed grant at the lower of the estimates, the request qualifies for a \$4,863 grant. The subject property's current tax value is assessed at \$142,600. The requested grant amounts to 3.4 percent of the property's tax value. The application was reviewed by the Community Appearance Commission. After consideration the Commission scored the application at 24 points out of a possible 36 points, which placed the application into the high category of scoring. The Commission unanimously recommends funding of the grant application in the amount of \$4,863.*

- A I. Approval of the Purchase and Up-Fitting of Ten 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles in the Amount of \$48,644.97 Per Vehicle from Four Seasons Ford. **(Exhibit VIII.I.)**

*Hickory Police Department (HPD) requests approval to purchase and up-fit ten specialized police package emergency vehicles. HPD staff and the City of Hickory Fleet Manager have researched and reviewed independent comparison studies comparing available police package vehicles. The 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility all-wheel drive best fits the needs of the department based on a number of considerations. Four Seasons Ford in Hendersonville, NC currently has the NC Sheriff's Association Contract for the 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility all-wheel drive with a base price of \$32,259.95. Four Seasons Ford has partnered with Global Public Safety, LLC in Statesville, NC to provide the total "turnkey" up-fitting of these ten specialized police package emergency vehicles. Global Public Safety, LLC would install all of the specialized and emergency equipment. Added Ford Factory options that are needed include the following: dark car feature - \$23.50; daytime running lights - \$42.30; red/ white dome light in cargo area - \$47; driver's side LED spotlight (Whelen) - \$394.80. Added up-fitting options provided by Global Public Safety, LLC - \$15,877.42. Total purchase and up-fitting price - \$48,644.97. Hickory Police Department recommends the purchase and up-fitting of ten all-wheel drive 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from Four Seasons Ford on the NC Sheriff's Association Contract at a cost of \$48,644.97 per vehicle and a total cost of \$486,449.70. Funds are budgeted in the FY 2021/2022 CIP.*

- A J. Citizens' Advisory Committee Recommendation for Assistance through the City of Hickory's Housing Programs. **(Exhibit VIII.J.)**

*The following applicant was considered by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on August 5, 2021; and is now being recommended for approval for assistance under the City of Hickory's 2020 Urgent Repair Program. This program provides qualified low-income citizens with assistance for emergency related repairs not to exceed \$10,000.*

➤ David and Lisa Staats, 303 17<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Hickory – up to \$10,000.

*The Citizens' Advisory Committee recommends approval of the aforementioned request for assistance through the City of Hickory's housing assistance programs.*

**A K.** Approval of the Bid and Award of the Contract with Midstate Contractors, Inc. for Asphalt Resurfacing. **(Exhibit VIII.K.)**

*Staff request Council's approval of bid and award of the contract with Midstate Contractors, Inc. for asphalt resurfacing in the amount of \$58.75 per ton for S9.5B asphalt surface, \$52.35 per ton for S9.5C asphalt surface, \$56.75 per ton for asphalt parking lots for S9.5B, \$621.40 per ton for binder, \$60 per ton for levelling course, \$131 per ton for patching, \$3.15 per square yard for edge milling, \$10 per square yard for asphalt milling (100-1,000 square yards), \$8 per square yard for asphalt milling (1,001-3,000 square yards) and \$6 per square yard (3,001-6,000 square yards). Public Services Department -Transportation Division staff annually prepares formal bid documents for estimated quantities of resurfacing that are planned to ensure continuous maintenance and improvement of roadways. The City's budget includes a value of work to be completed and roadways are determined by a condition model up to the budgeted amount. All work will be paid on an in-place unit price basis as the resurfacing budget allows. Staff prepared a detailed scope of work including a complete set of specifications and an invitation to bid package (Bid No. 21-001). Midstate Contractors, Inc. was the lowest qualified bidder for this project. Unit prices remain the same with a provision for adjustment of the liquid asphalt prices if adopted by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). This project is awarded based on unit prices to allow for a variation of quantities that the City will pay for to complete the project. Staff will work with contractors to provide quantity control. This work is budgeted in the Street Division's FY 21-22 budget. Staff recommends approval of the bid and award of the contract with Midstate Contractors, Inc. for asphalt resurfacing.*

**A1 L.** Budget Revision Number 3. **(Exhibit VIII.L.)**

1. *To appropriate \$199,897 for the construction of the Trivium Corporate Center Discovery Sewer Project. The construction contract for this project was awarded to Buckeye Bridge LLC, who submitted the lowest competitive bid. The cost will be split 50/50 with Catawba County, and the City's portion will come from Water & Sewer Fund Balance.*
2. *To appropriate \$160,000 from General Fund Balance for a new play system at Glenn Hilton Park.*
3. *To appropriate \$295,500 towards the Murray Basin Sewer Project to cover the cost of Amendment #3 to the City's contract with HDR Engineering Inc. of the Carolinas for plan revisions and construction administration services. Included in the agreement is the management and administration of Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CW SRF) documentation.*

**IX.** Items Removed from Consent Agenda – None

**X.** Informational Item

**XI.** New Business:

**A.** Public Hearings

**B.** Departmental Reports

**NA** 1. Annual Code Enforcement Update - Presentation by Hickory Police Department Captain Bryan Adams.

**NA** 2. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Small Cities Project Area Grace McLaurin Resigned 7-12-2021 VACANT

**COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

At-Large (Outside City but within HRP) (Council Appoints) VACANT

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

Differently Abled and is African American or Other Minority (Council Appoints) VACANT

Differently Abled (Council Appoints) Beth Whicker

(Not Eligible for Reappointment)

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Licensed Architect (Council Appoints) Ernie Sills

(Not Eligible for Reappointment)

At-Large (2)(Council Appoints) Mary Moorer

(Eligible for Reappointment/Does Not Wish to Serve Again)

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 6 (Patton Appoints) Gail Miller

(Eligible for Reappointment/Does Not Wish to Serve Again)

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 3-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Ward 4 (D. Williams Appoints) VACANT

At-Large (Mayor Appoints) Beth Bowman

(Not Eligible for Reappointment)

**PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 5-Year Terms) (Appointed by the Mayor)

Position 3 (Mayor Appoints) VACANT

Position 9 (Mayor Appoints) (Unexpired Term of Rebecca Clements) VACANT

**YOUTH COUNCIL**

(Terms Expiring 6-30; 1-Year Terms) (Appointed by City Council)

Youth Council Applicant Review Committee Recommends the Following Appointments:

Fred T. Foard VACANT

Homeschool VACANT

XII. Matters Not on Agenda (requires majority vote of Council to consider)

XIII. General Comments by Members of Council, City Manager or City Attorney of a Non-Business Nature

XIV. Adjournment

**\*Hickory City Code Section 2-56. Public Address to Council:**

**“When conducting public hearings, considering ordinances, and otherwise considering matters wherein the public has a right to be heard, when it appears that there are persons present desiring to be heard, the Mayor shall require those opposing and favoring the proposed action to identify themselves. Each side of the matter shall be given equal time. Those opposing the proposed action shall be allowed 15 minutes for presentation, followed by 15 minutes for those favoring the action, with the opponents then to have five minutes for rebuttal and the proponents to then have five minutes for surrebuttal. Those persons on either side shall have the right to divide their allotted time among them as they may choose. The Council, by majority vote, may extend the time for each side equally. On matters in which the person desiring to address the Council does not have a legal right to speak, the Council shall determine whether it will hear the person. The refusal to hear a person desiring to speak may be based upon grounds that the subject matter is confidential, that its public discussion would be illegal, that it is a matter not within the jurisdiction of the Council or for any other cause deemed sufficient by the Council. Any person allowed to speak who shall depart from the subject under discussion or who shall make personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or who shall become boisterous while addressing the Council shall be declared out of order by the Mayor, or by vote of the Council, and barred from speaking further before the Council unless permission to continue shall be granted by a majority vote of the Council, under such restrictions as the Council may provide.”**

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